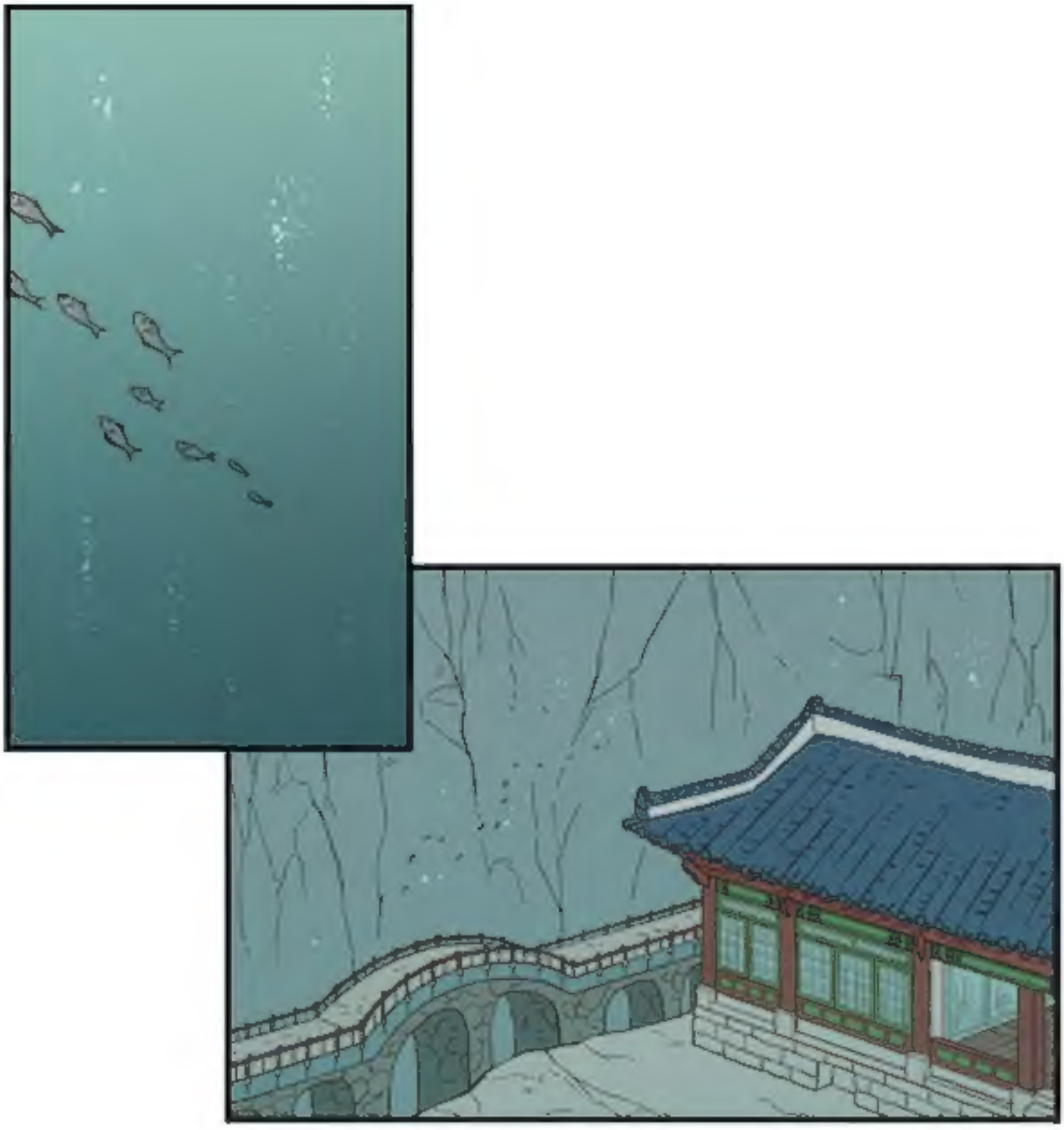

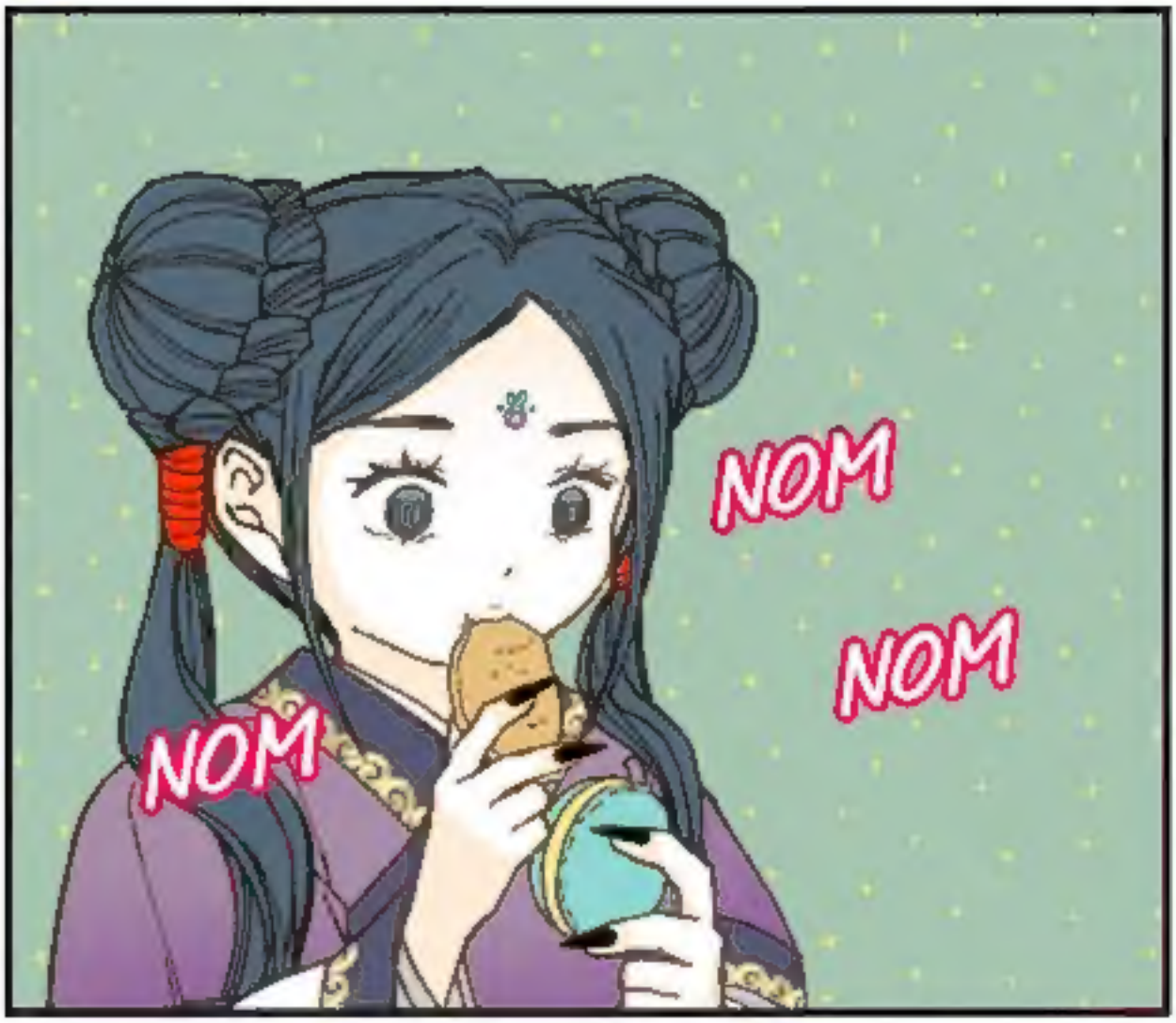
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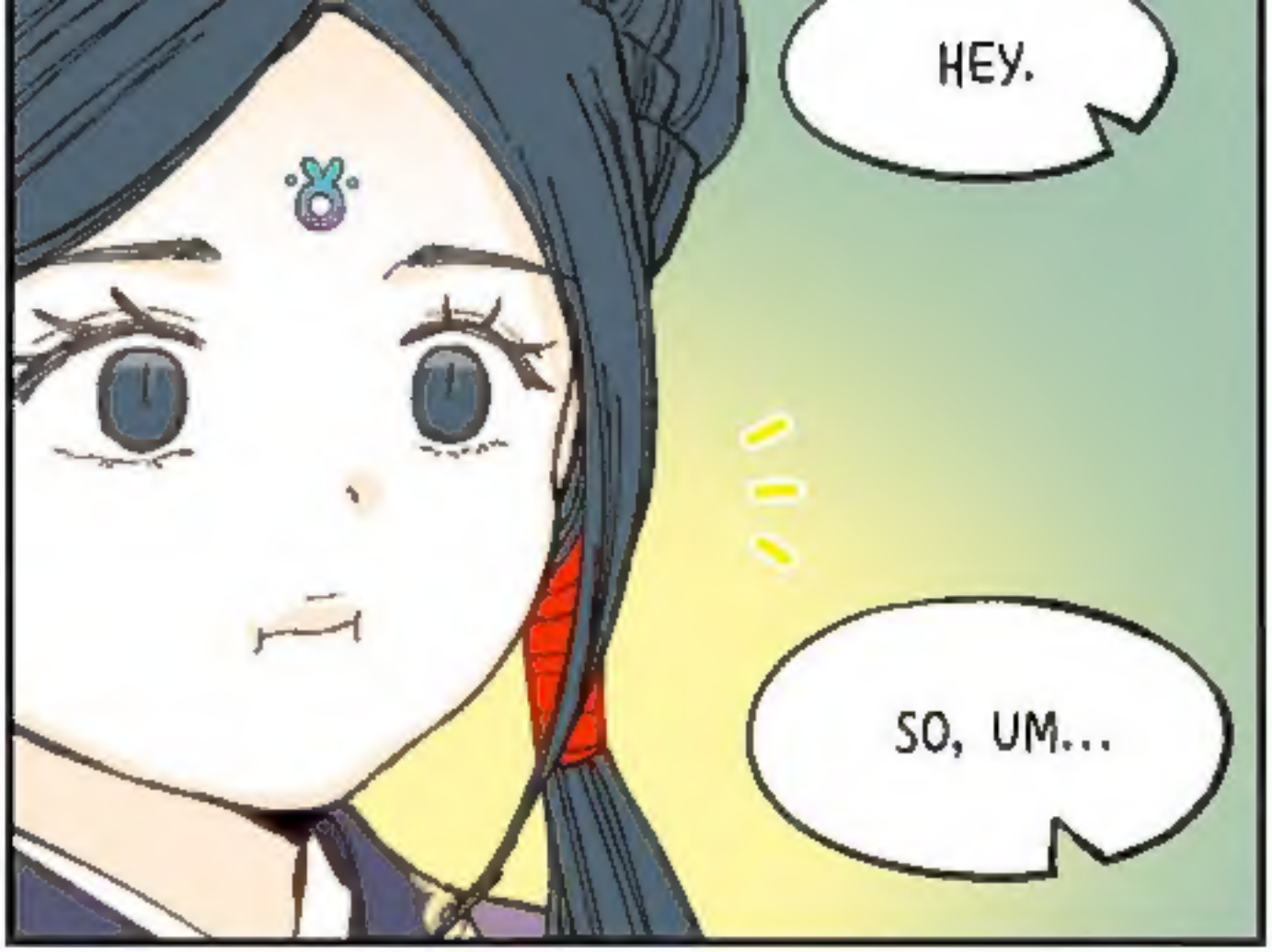

HEY.
SO, UM...

THANKS FOR NOT EATING ME OR WHATEVER...
...BUT THIS IS KIDNAPPING. YOU KNOW THAT.

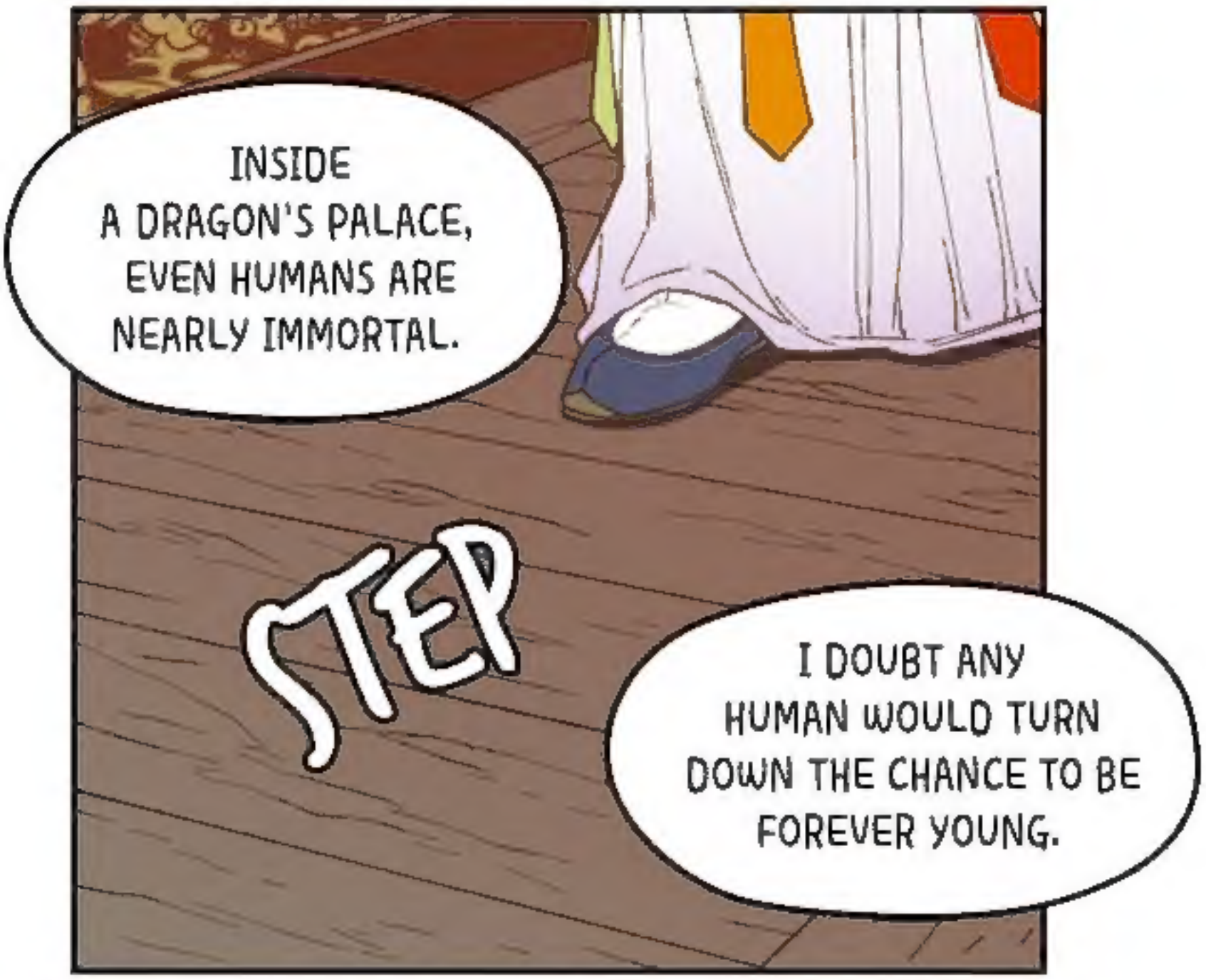
RIGHT?

IT'S
A FELONY.

DON'T YOU WANT
TO LIVE HERE?

MY PALACE HAS
EVERYTHING THAT YOU
WOULD NEED...

DO YOU HAVE WIFI?
??
NEVER MIND...


INSIDE
A DRAGON'S PALACE,
EVEN HUMANS ARE
NEARLY IMMORTAL.
STEP
I DOUBT ANY
HUMAN WOULD TURN
DOWN THE CHANCE TO BE
FOREVER YOUNG.

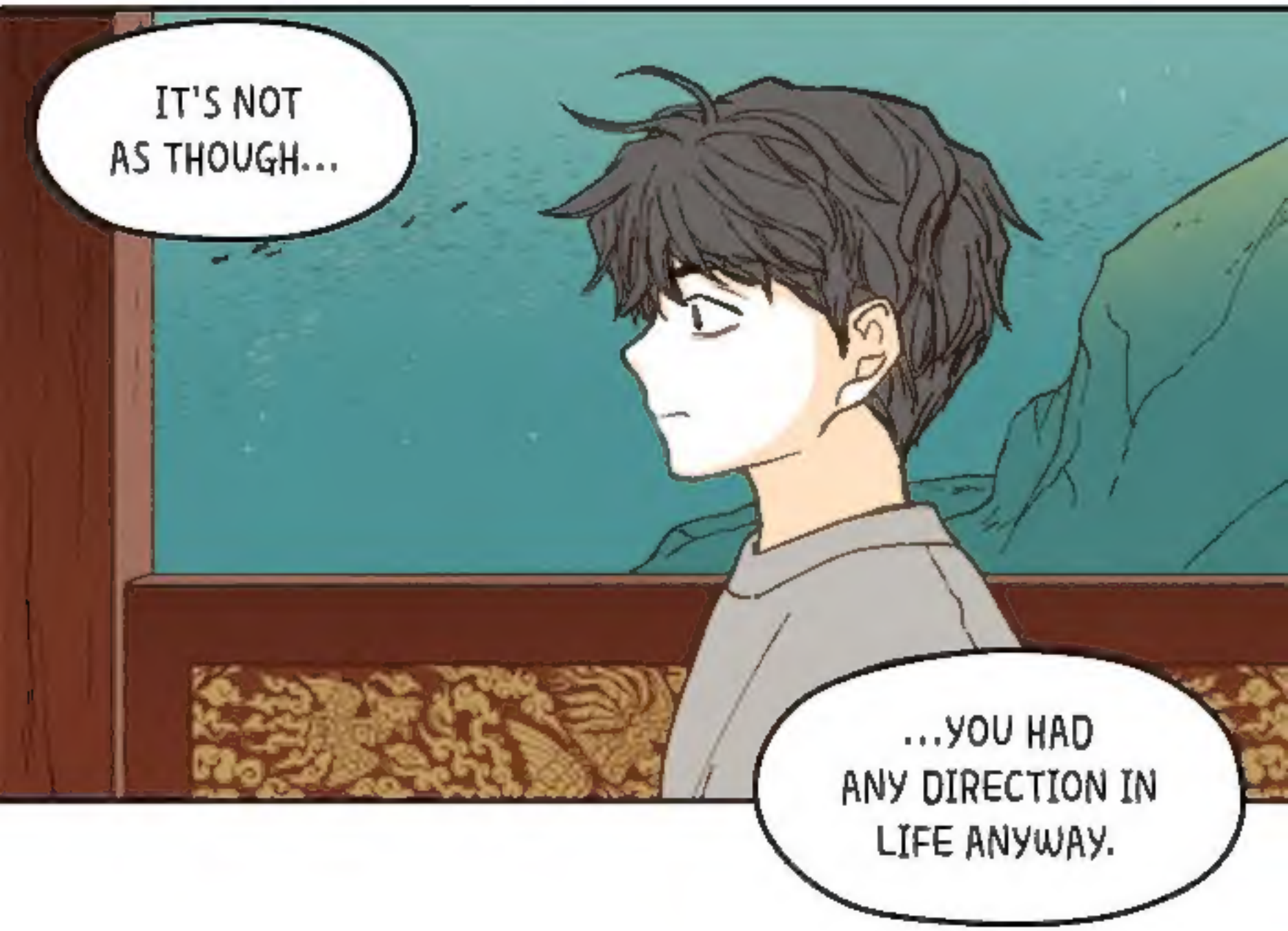
WHAT IS IT?

DO YOU MISS YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ON THE SURFACE?

WHY NOT START OVER WITH A NEW FAMILY HERE?

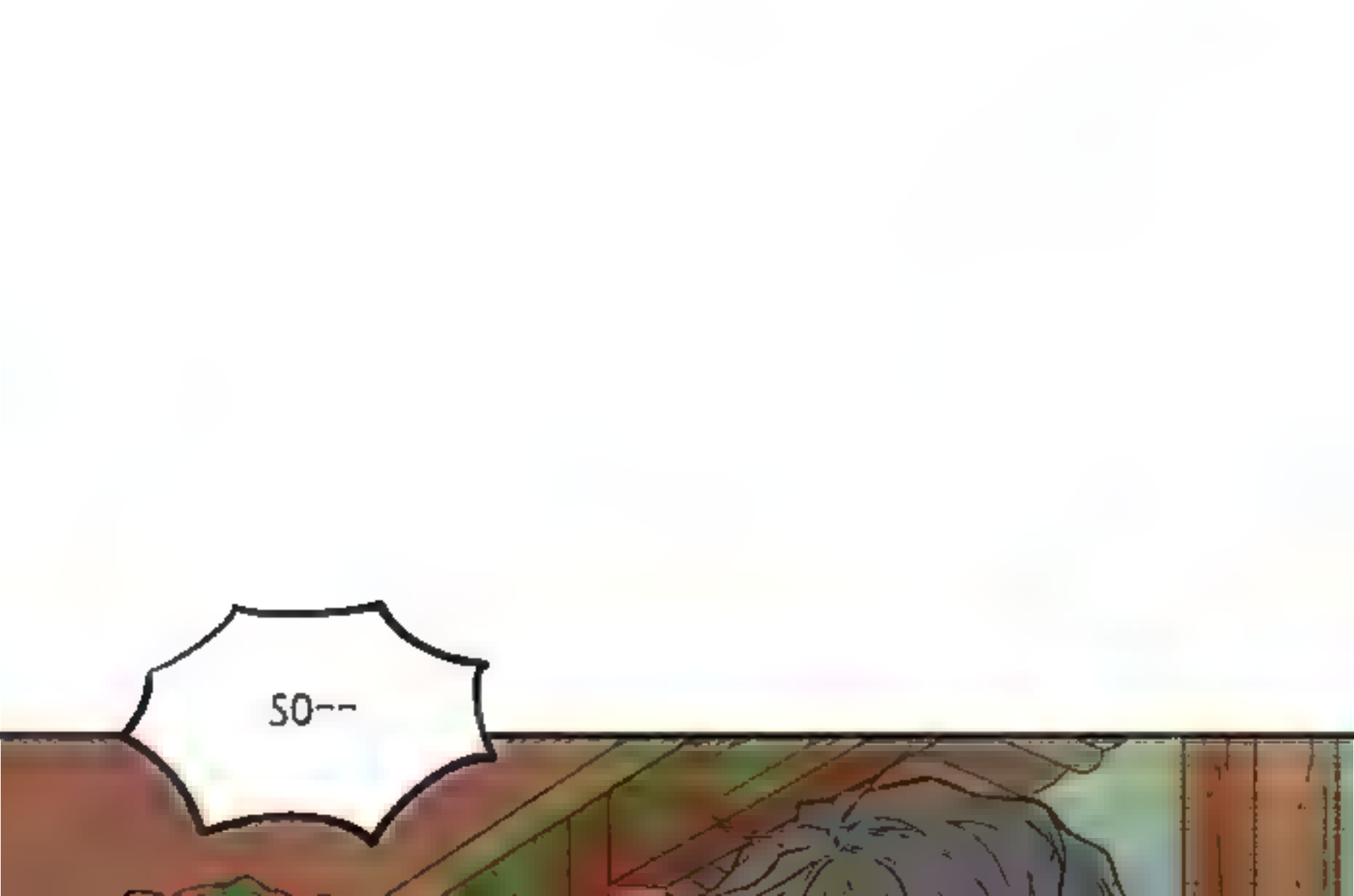
IF YOU WANT,
I CAN FIND YOU
A WIFE...
...AND ALLOW
YOU TO HAVE
CHILDREN.

I'VE SEEN
HOW YOU LIVE.


IT'S NOT AS THOUGH...
...YOU HAD ANY DIRECTION IN LIFE ANYWAY.

SO,
IS IT REALLY SUCH
A PROBLEM...
...TO LIVE
SOMEWHERE ELSE?

...


SO--

FLINCH

SOYANG RIVER DRAGON!

HUFF

W-WHAT THE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?

I THOUGHT HE WOULD'VE BEEN HAPPY I WAS GONE...
DID HE COME HERE TO SAVE ME?

HOW COULD YOU JUST RUN OFF WITH THAT PIECE OF
AND

TRASH?

WITHOUT EVEN ASKING!

A-APOLOGIES, MA'AM!

WE'LL THROW HIM OUT RIGHT AWAY!

MMPH... HUON!

MMPH! MMPH!

SO... MMPH!!

I GAVE YOU HUON,
SO WHERE'S
MY RECOMMENDATION
LETTER?

I NEED HUON, SO I'M WITHDRAWING MY OFFERING...?

HE... MMPH! MUCH... MMPH!

HE'S NOT MUCH, SO I'LL GIVE YOU HIS WHOLE FAMILY TOO!

FAMILY...
MMPH!

HE MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE MUCH, BUT HE HAS A FAMILY WAITING FOR HIM AT HOME...?

MMPH!
DEAL... MMPH!

OUT OF... MMPH! HMMPH!

IF YOU HOLD UP OUR DEAL, I'LL GET OUT OF YOUR HAIR...

IF YOU CANCEL OUR DEAL, WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE...

ARGH...!
CHOMP
ACK!!

SO DO WE HAVE A DEAL?

SOYANG RIVER DRAGON?

...
TEARY

...?
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

How

HOW TO BECOME A DRAGON

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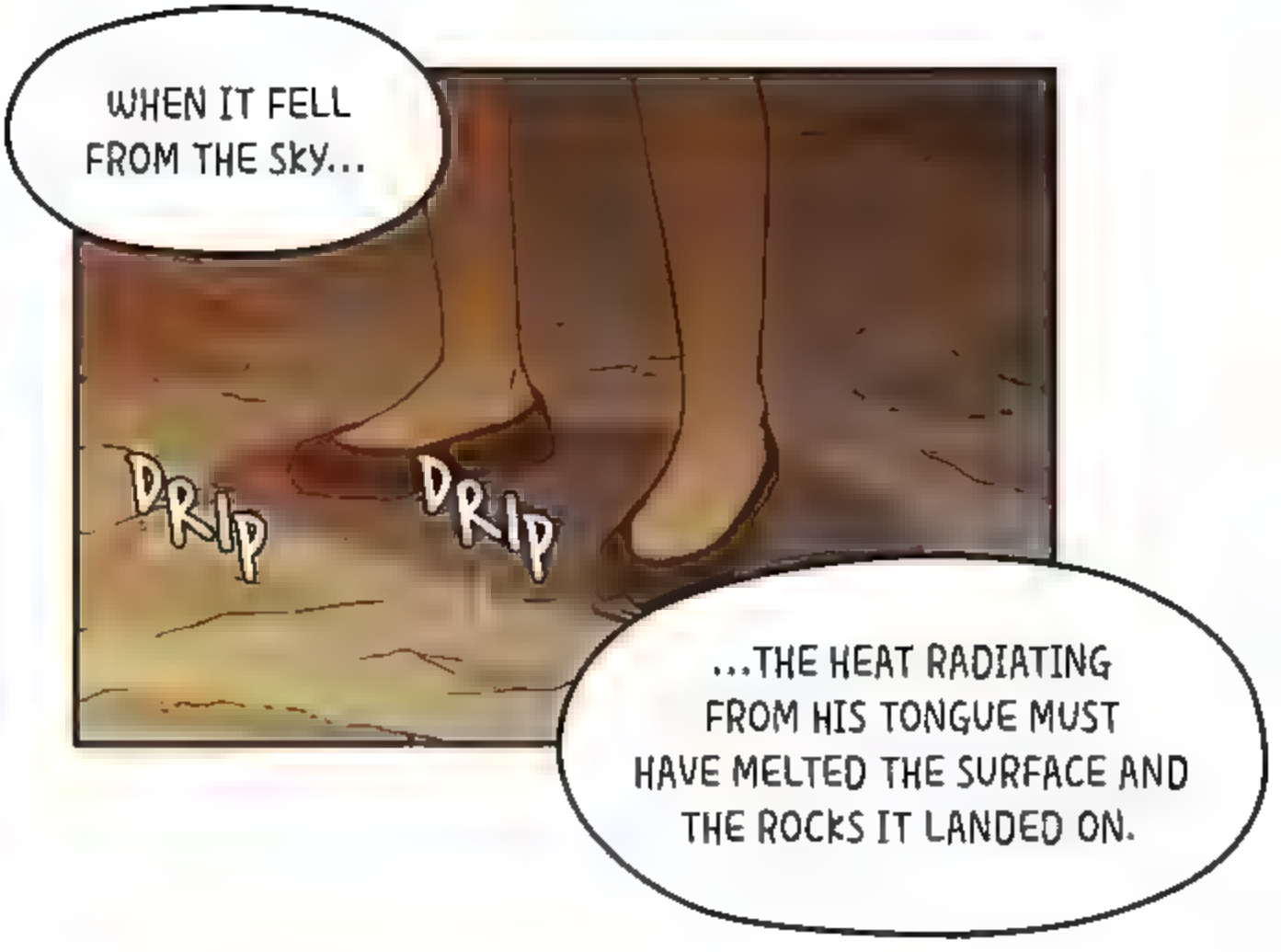
WHAT IS LORD GUAHM'S TONGUE...

PANT

...DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?


WHEN IT FELL FROM THE SKY...
DRIP
DRIP
...THE HEAT RADIATING FROM HIS TONGUE MUST HAVE MELTED THE SURFACE AND THE ROCKS IT LANDED ON.

WHEN YOU ASCEND, YOU USE ALL OF THE POWER YOU'VE ACCUMULATED OVER THE COURSE OF A THOUSAND YEARS.

ALL THAT ENERGY MUST HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE TONGUE TO BORE INTO THE GROUND, MELTING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.

SO ALL
THIS ASH...
SHHHHH
...MUST BE
THE REMAINS OF
THE MOUNTAIN ANIMALS
OR THE CREATURES
OF THE LAND.

THIS HEAT IS SO OVERWHELMING THAT THEY MUST HAVE BURNED UP BEFORE THEY EVEN REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

PANT

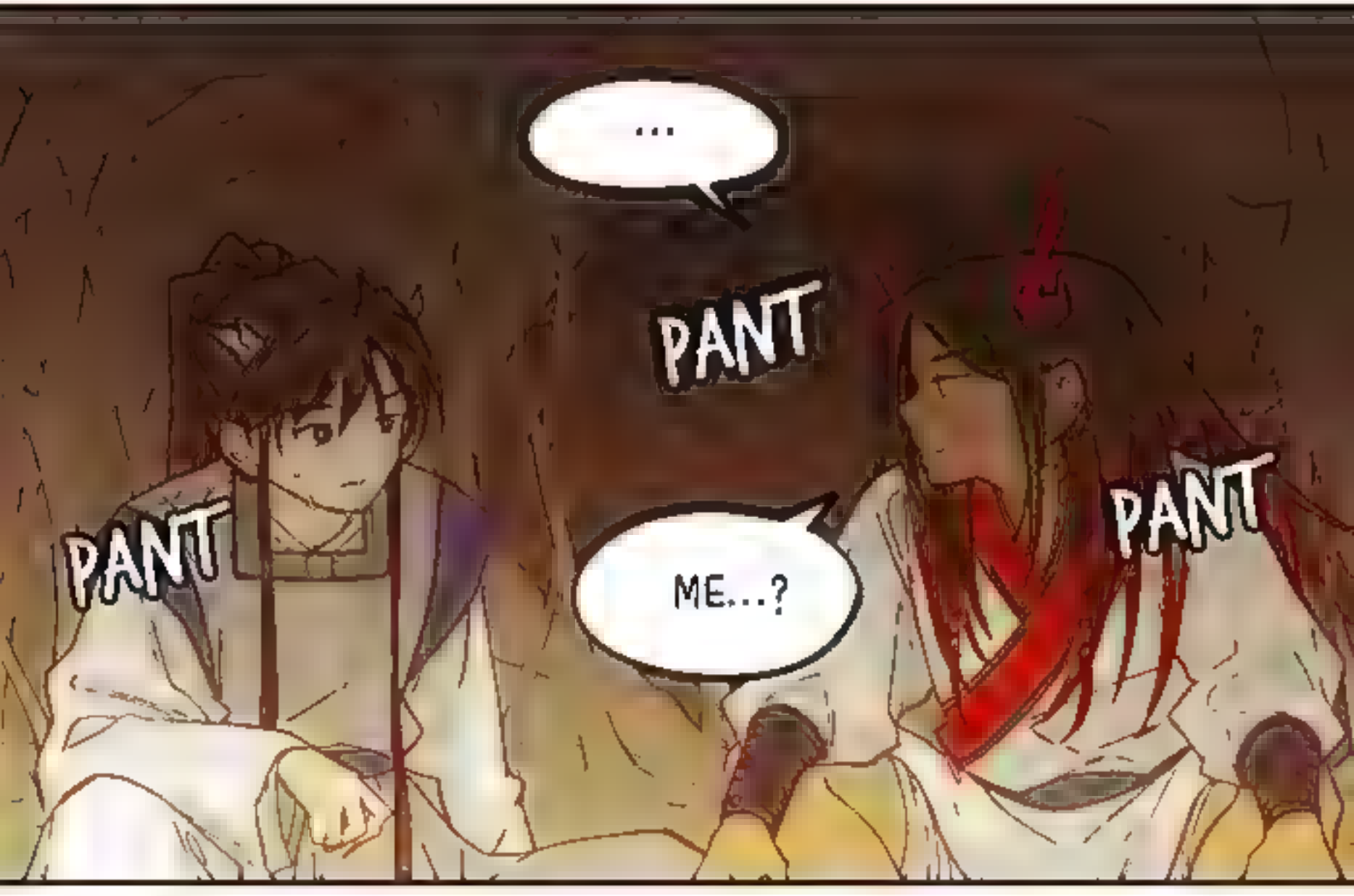
THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THIS TOOK PLACE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED SO FAST.

WE MYTHICAL CREATURES CAN BARELY ENDURE IT...
...BUT ANY HUMANS WOULD HAVE BURNED TO A CRISP EVEN IF THEY ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED INTO THE AREA.

AND...

...YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GRAB THAT.

GLANCE


...
PANT
PANT
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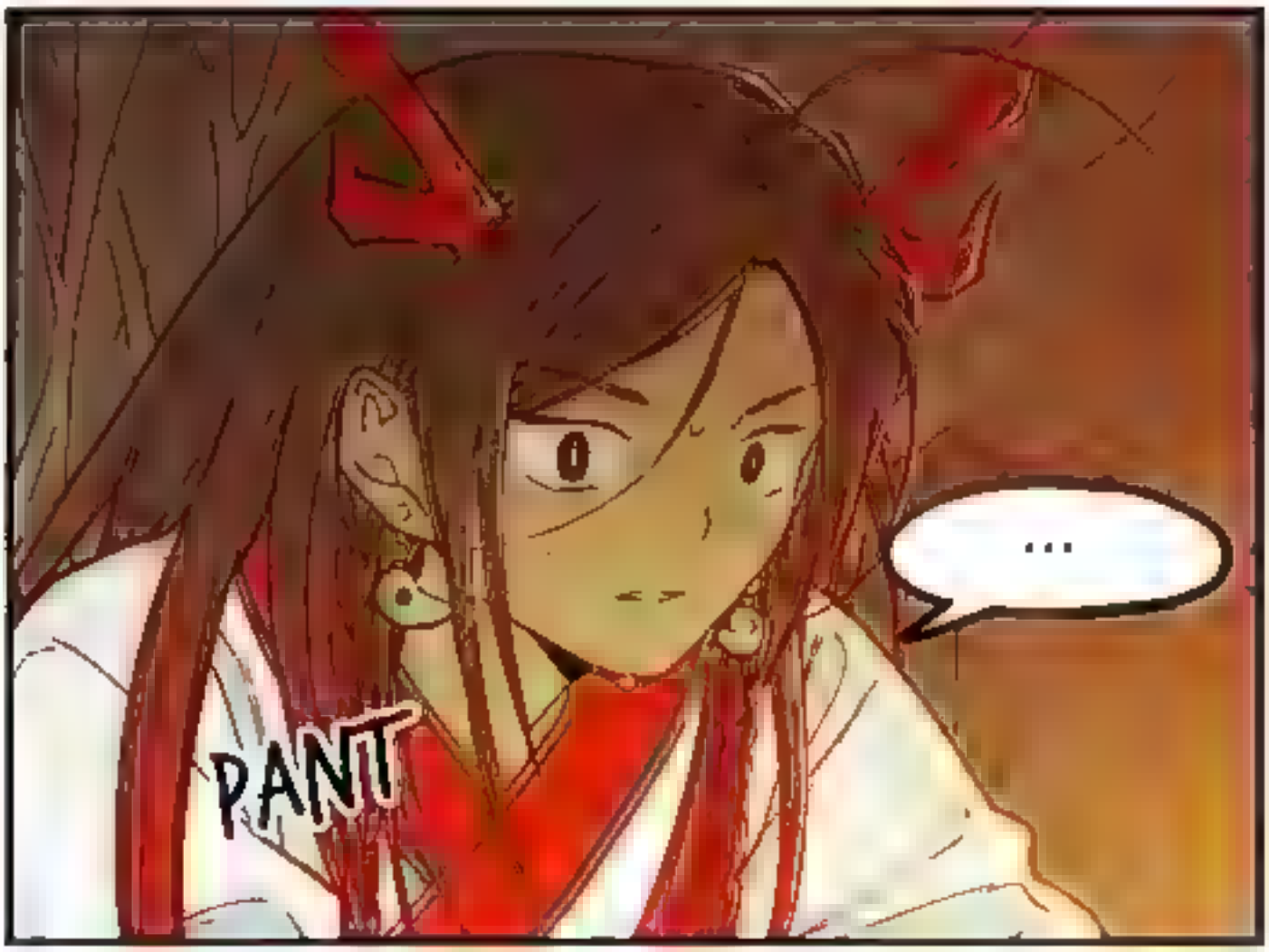
ME...?

YOU'RE THE SAME TYPE OF SNAKE AS LORD GUAHM...
...AND YOU POSSESS THE STRONGEST FIREPOWER OF ALL THE IMOOGI. ONLY YOU CAN DO IT.

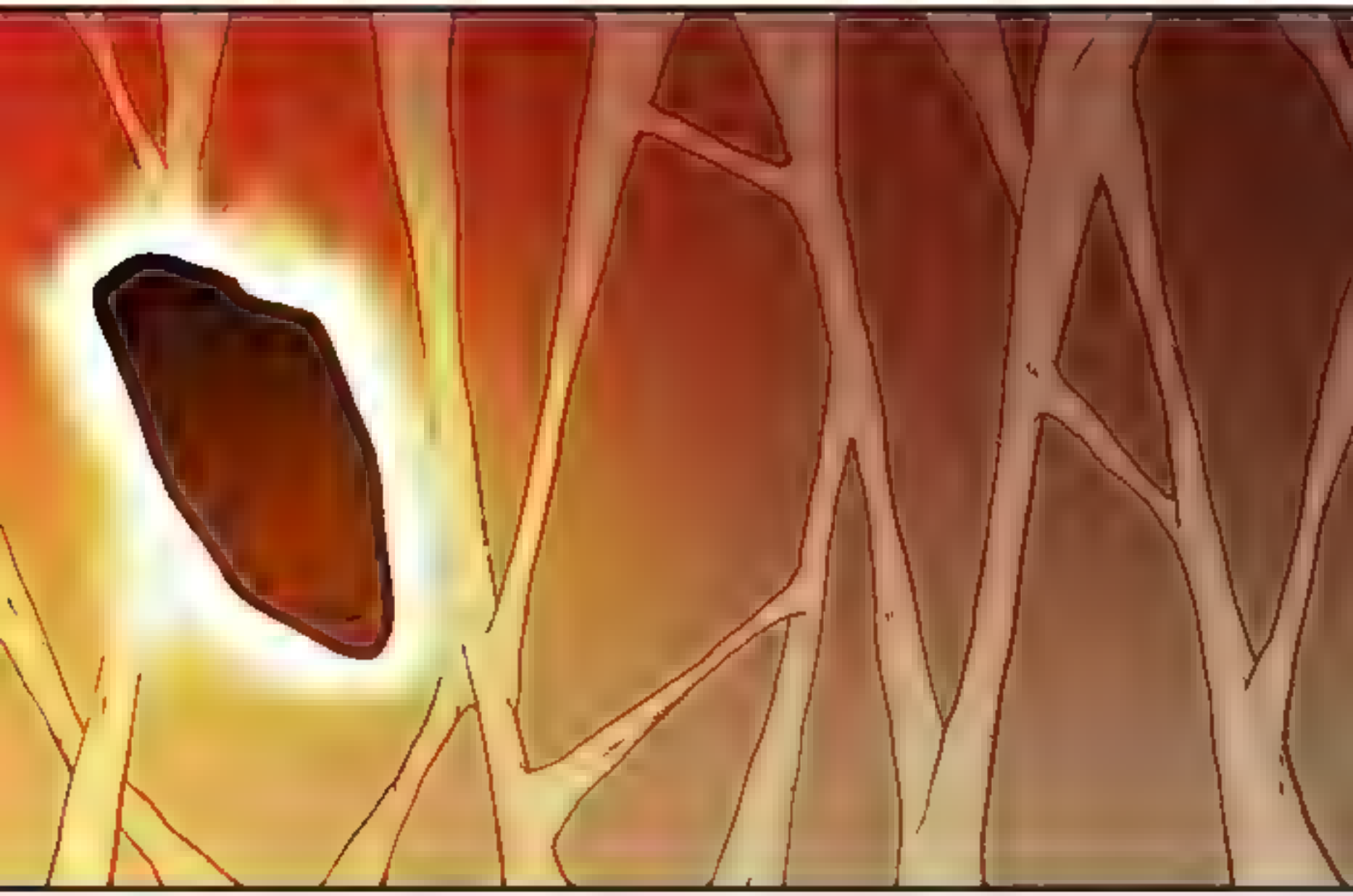


SO JUST...

I CAN'T.

HUH?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TOUCH THAT THING?
I CAN HARDLY BREATHE IN HERE!

YOU...
YOU CAN'T?



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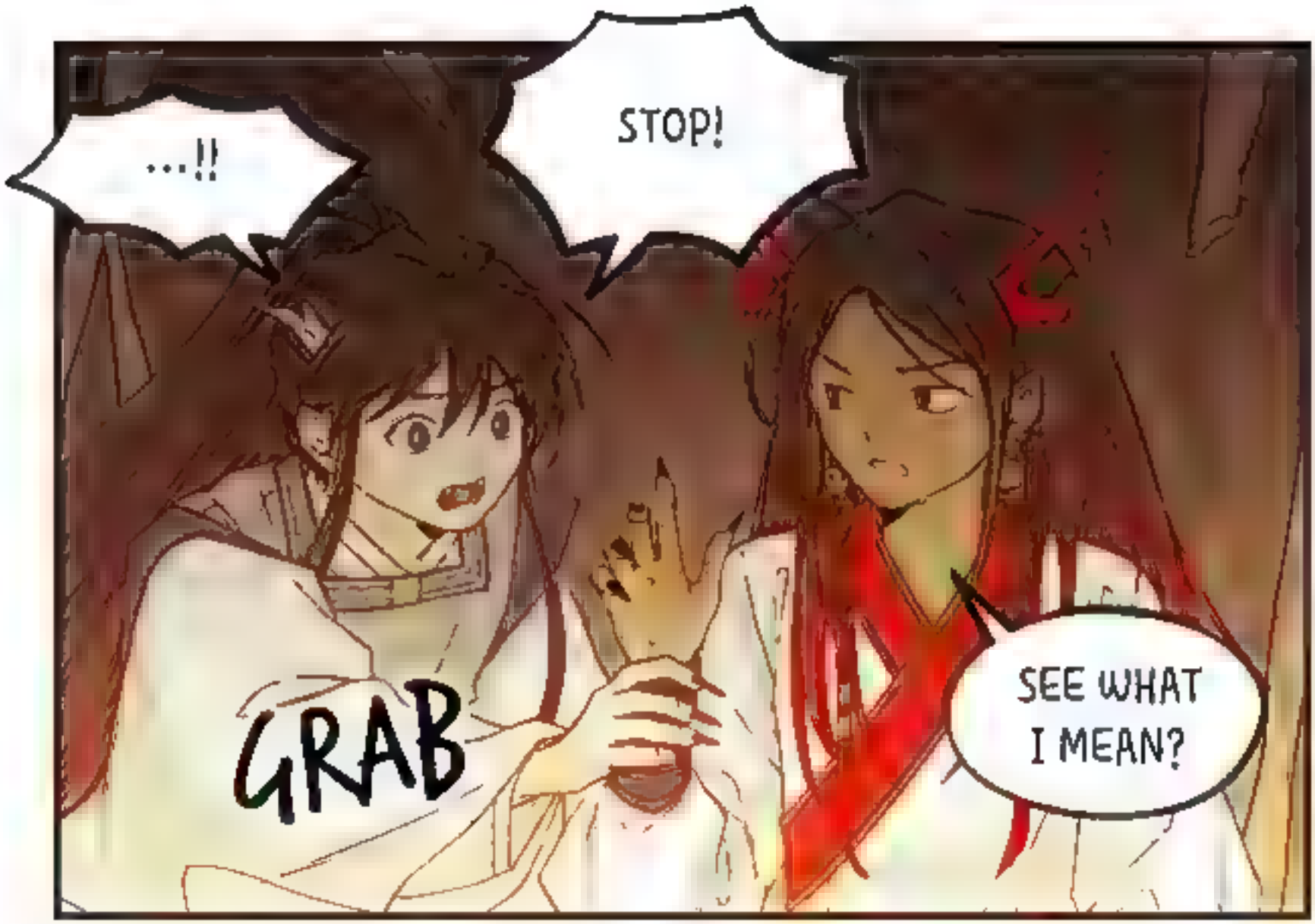

...!!
STOP!
GRAB
SEE WHAT I MEAN?

THAT BELONGS TO A DRAGON.
IN FACT, IT'S A PIECE OF HIM THAT FELL IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS ASCENSION.
IT'S BEYOND OUR POWER.

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS, YOU CAN BRING LORD GUAHM HERE.

HE WON'T BE AT HIS FULL STRENGTH IF HE LEAVES HIS RIVER,

BUT HE'LL HAVE A BETTER SHOT

THAN WE DO.

BUT THERE ISN'T ENOUGH TIME...

AND I PROMISED THAT I WOULD BRING IT BACK TO HIM.

SO WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
YOU WANNA JUST STAND AROUND HERE AND BICKER?

OR...

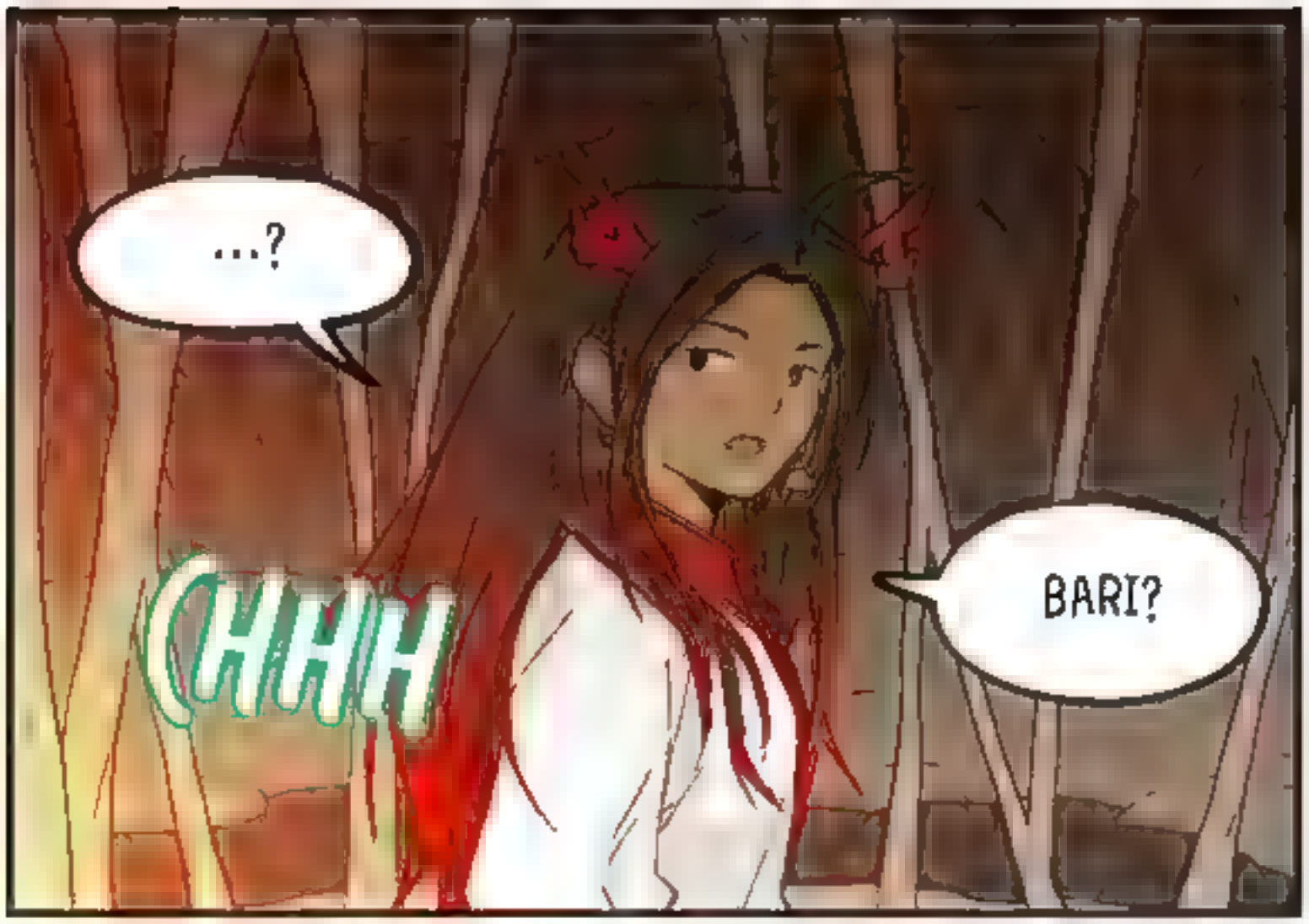
ARE YOU GONNA CALL IT QUITS RIGHT NOW...

...AND ASK DAMSEOL FOR HELP?

...

LET'S GO.

FORGET YOUR PROMISES AND YOUR PRIDE.
IT SUCKS, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS THE EXAM.


...?
CHHH
BARI?

FWOOSH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOUR HAND! YOU'RE GONNA GET BURNT!

THE EXAM,

MY PROMISE,
MY FEELINGS...

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

THEY'RE ALL IMPORTANT.

SO...

CRACKLE
CRACKLE

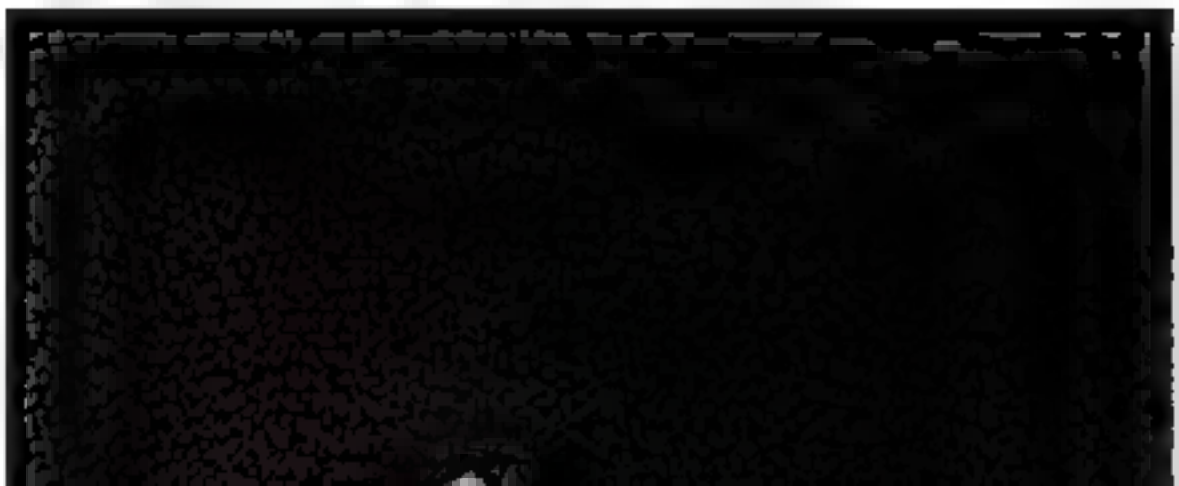
I'LL JUST...

...SACRIFICE

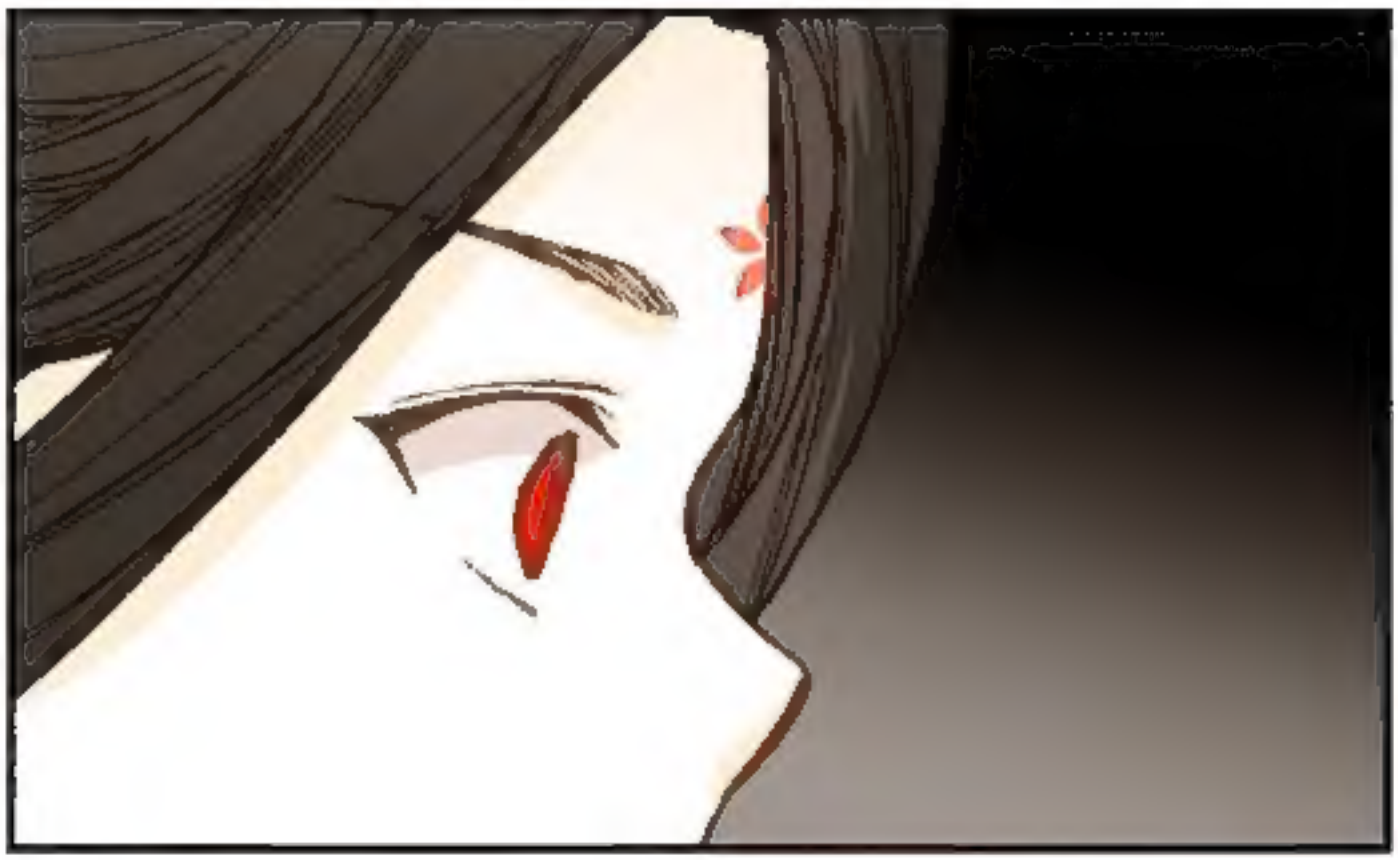
A HAND.

WHAT...

FWOOSH



BARI...!



CLATTER

BARI...?